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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to lifetime hunting and fishing licenses

2 available for certain disabled veterans.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 16, Code 2023, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 16. Upon payment of the fee established by rules adopted
4 pursuant to [section 483A.1](#) for a lifetime fishing license or
5 lifetime hunting and fishing combined license, the department
6 shall issue a lifetime fishing license or lifetime hunting and
7 fishing combined license to a resident of Iowa who has served
8 in the armed forces of the United States on federal active
9 duty and who ~~was disabled or~~ was a prisoner of war during that
10 veteran's military service. The department shall prepare
11 an application to be used by a person requesting a lifetime
12 fishing license or lifetime hunting and fishing combined
13 license under [this subsection](#). The department of veterans
14 affairs shall assist the department in verifying the status or
15 claims of applicants under [this subsection](#). ~~As used in this~~
16 ~~subsection, "disabled" means entitled to a service connected~~
17 ~~rating under 38 U.S.C. ch. 11.~~

18 Sec. 2. Section 483A.24, Code 2023, is amended by adding the
19 following new subsection:

20 NEW SUBSECTION. 21. The department shall issue without
21 fee a lifetime fishing license or lifetime hunting and fishing
22 combined license to a resident of Iowa who has served in the
23 armed forces of the United States on federal active duty and
24 who was disabled during that veteran's military service. The
25 department shall prepare an application to be used by a person
26 requesting a lifetime fishing license or lifetime hunting
27 and fishing combined license under this subsection. Upon
28 application, the person shall provide proof of service in the
29 armed forces of the United States on federal active duty,
30 proof of disability resulting from that service, a disability
31 rating of at least zero percent determined by the department of
32 veterans affairs, and proof of Iowa residency at the time of
33 application. The department of veterans affairs shall assist
34 the department in verifying the status or claims of applicants
35 under this subsection. As used in this subsection, "disabled"

1 means entitled to a service-connected rating between zero and
2 one hundred percent under 38 U.S.C. ch. 11.

3 EXPLANATION

4 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
5 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

6 This bill relates to lifetime hunting and fishing licenses
7 available to certain disabled veterans. Under current law, a
8 resident who served in the armed forces of the United States on
9 federal active duty and who was disabled during that veteran's
10 military service shall be issued a lifetime fishing license or
11 lifetime hunting and fishing combined license after payment of
12 a fee established by rule.

13 Under the bill, a resident disabled veteran may apply for
14 and receive a lifetime fishing license or a lifetime hunting
15 and fishing combined license without fee. A person applying
16 for a license under the bill shall provide proof of service in
17 the armed forces of the United States on federal active duty,
18 proof of disability resulting from that service, a disability
19 rating of at least 0 percent determined by the department of
20 veterans affairs, and proof of Iowa residency at the time of
21 application. The bill requires the department of veterans
22 affairs to assist the department of natural resources in
23 verifying the status or claims of applicants under the bill.
24 For purposes of the bill, "disability" means entitled to a
25 service-connected rating between 0 and 100 percent under 38
26 U.S.C. ch. 11.